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Take the teasing comb and back-comb all your hair until it looks like an electrified Persian cat. To tease your hair, grab a small section and hold it up by the end. Comb downward with the teasing comb in short fast strokes until it gets tangled at the bottom. Pull the teased hair up and out to achieve maximum altitutde. Liberally apply the hair spray to hold the teased hair in place. If you can still see the walls, you haven't sprayed enough. Spray more. This style must be taken care of when you sleep. Some women use a beehive hairnet; others use feather pillows to sleep on; while others sleep upright in the La-Z-Boy. Your mileage may vary. Just be careful not be put anyone's eye out.

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